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PART I - THE SCHEDULE

SECTION B - SUPPLIES OR SERVICES AND PRICES/COSTS

B.1 SCOPE OF CONTRACT

The Contractor shall provide all management, supervision, labor, materials, supplies, and equipment (except as otherwise provided), and shall plan, schedule, coordinate, and assure effective performance of all services in accordance with the statement of work, Section C.

B.2 SCHEDULE

The Contract Line Item Numbers (CLINs) shall be utilized as fixed-price amounts for the period October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2003.

CLIN	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	- <u>-</u>
0001 0002 0003	Training session 01 Training session 02 Training session 03	\$ \$ \$	
0004	Training session 04	\$	
0005	Other direct costs (travel, per diem	etc.) \$;
		Total: \$	5

B.3 1352.216-70 CONTRACT TYPE (APR 2002)

This is a firm-fixed price contract to develop and implement a program to train businessmen from the Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union (NIS) in food processing and packaging as described in the statement of work Section C.

SECTION C - DESCRIPTION / SPECIFICATION OF WORK STATEMENT

C.1 STATEMENT OF WORK/SPECIFICATIONS FOR SABIT Food Packaging and Processing Program for NIS Managers

The Contractor shall furnish the necessary personnel, material, equipment, services and facilities (except otherwise specified), to perform the following Statement of Work/Specifications.

C.2 PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

Since 1990, SABIT (Special American Internship Training Program) at the Dept. of Commerce (DOC) provides market and business training to professionals from the New Independent States. The purpose of this contract is to organize and serve as a single focal point to execute a U.S.-based training program for managers from the NIS. The Contractor shall develop and implement a program to train four groups of 14-18 managers (65 total) from the NIS in food packaging and processing issues. Each session will last three or four weeks. The sessions will focus on topics and regions as follows:

Group one: Single-use packaging [for the Russian Far East

only; 4 weeks]*.

Group two: Dairy processing and packaging [Ukraine and the

Russian Far East; 3 weeks]*.

Group three: Confectionary industry [Ukraine only; 3 weeks]*.

Group four: Fruits and Vegetables for Kazakhstan and Central

Asia [four weeks]*.

Throughout each three or four-week training session, participants will develop business plans that relate specifically to food processing for presentation to the instructors and classmates. The contractor together with SABIT will determine the dates of each group's session.

* Topics and regions may be adjusted by SABIT.

C.3 REQUIREMENTS

C.3.1 Selection of Program Participants and Provision of Travel Support:

Contractor will provide modifications to SABIT standard Russian-language cover letter and application. SABIT/DOC will recruit and select the managers to participate in the training program. Contractor will prepare an analysis of the candidate interests and present this to SABIT, and vary program accordingly.

The contractor will arrange and pay for the travel, lodging, and other costs of the program participants (trainees) to the United States for training. These costs will also include per diem for each trainee (at the rate of \$34.00 per day), emergency travel insurance, State Department-certified simultaneous interpreters, and one facilitator. Lodging and travel must take into

consideration needs of foreign travelers. The contractor will provide a ten-dollar phone card to each trainee upon arrival. Group must be met at airport and transported to hotel. Facilitator and interpreters will remain with the group for the duration of the group's stay in the U.S.

Government will purchase all group domestic airline tickets, including facilitator and interpreter tickets while traveling with the group. Contractor will purchase international airline tickets, which the overseas SABIT representative will pick up and deliver to trainees in Kiev, Almaty or Moscow, or the contractor will arrange to have delivered in Vladivostok. Travel must comply with U.S. Government regulations including the Fly America Act. Groups will fly out of designated departure city (Moscow, Kiev, Almaty, or Vladivostok) on Saturday, and depart U.S. on Saturday three weeks later, unless changed by SABIT. Trainees will pay their own way to the NIS departure city and pay for their own visas to the U.S. Contractor is responsible for coordinating directly with SABIT overseas representatives on travel and related issues.

- C.3.2 Each session, at a minimum, shall provide:
- a. A two-day seminar/workshop on business plan development;
- b. A seminar on grant-writing and/or fund-raising;
- c. Site visits to U.S. businesses involved in the food processing and packaging sectors;
- d. A review of the management, administration and organization of the U.S. companies;
- e. An overview of the pertinent U.S. industry, including future trends and challenges facing the industry;
- f. A roundtable with U.S. industry members and managers to discuss case studies which highlight challenges and issues facing the members and how they dealt with them;
- g. Meetings with State and Federal Legislative Representatives, bodies or committees and/or regulatory agencies to discuss how they interact with relevant food processing industries;
- h. A meeting with a relevant U.S. industry association;
- i. Interactive learning such as role play, group projects, case studies and presentations;
- j. A feedback session which highlights the positive and negative aspects of the program;
- k. A hospitality event at beginning or end of program;
- 1. A bus tour of each city visited.

The training should be as interactive as possible and involve hands-on activities such as role play, case studies and presentations. Approximately 8-9 full days of site visits should be included. These site visits should provide examples of and run the gamut from small to large companies.

The contractor shall if possible arrange for the group's attendance at a U.S. exhibition or trade show in the relevant industry. This can be a key factor in determining the program dates.

Trainers will assist participants in developing an action plan for follow-on activities upon completion of this training program which will be implemented in their organizations upon their return to the NIS.

Contractor will prepare bios of the participants and program marketing materials for U.S.-company recruiting purposes. Contractor will prepare Russian-language program materials for participants, including full itinerary and company information, and pre-arrival training materials, and disseminate to the trainees pre-departure from the NIS.

The contractor will prepare and translate a feedback questionnaire that the participants will fill out and be translated into English and provided to the SABIT Program for review.

The contractor shall provide a spreadsheet of all U.S. organizations with contact information visited during the program.

C.3.3 The single-use packaging program for the RFE will focus on
the following topics*:

labeling technologies coding/marking/labeling plastic packaging flexographic and other printing food packaging equipment

C.3.4 The RFE/Ukraine dairy processing program will focus on:

dairy products (including ice cream, yogurt, cheese, butter,
milk)
Pasteurization
dairy processing equipment
bottling materials technology
coding/marking/labeling
dairy cooperatives
market structure

C.3.5 The Ukraine confectionary program will focus on:

confectionary products
candy-making technology

coding/marking/labeling
manufacturing practices
raw materials

C.3.6 All programs will emphasize the following topics:

Processing, Packaging and Labeling Technology Equipment Leasing Licensing and certification Franchising Pricing Sources of finance Organizational structure of companies Health and safety requirements Marketing Business Management Taxation Import/Export Law Business Ethics Cross-cultural business issues Government relations Accounting practices Environmental impacts ΤТ Energy-saving techniques

* Topics may be modified based on the needs of the trainees.

C.3.8 Timetable of program events:

Each program will be fulfilled as follows:

T-18 weeks: Application and Cover Letter modifications to SABIT

T-12 weeks: Candidate interview list [SABIT]

T-10 weeks: Program draft #1

T-8 weeks: Analysis of candidate interests

T-6 weeks: Final trainee list [SABIT]

T-4 weeks: Program draft #2

T-3 weeks: Contractor disseminates program information to

trainees

C.4 POSITION DESCRIPTIONS

The Contractor shall provide the skill types and methods for implementing.

C.5 GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Commerce may assist the contractor in identifying potential U.S. Commercial partners, and may provide advice in logistical coordination issues. Commerce will recruit NIS participants, select them, and facilitate getting visas for the trainees. Commerce will provide pre-orientation to the group in the NIS and orientation in the U.S. Commerce will provide wireless simultaneous interpreting equipment.

C.6 PROGRESS REPORTS

The Contractor shall submit, to the Government, a report two weeks after the end of the first training session. Contractor shall prepare a progress report advising of the work completed during the performance period and the work forecast for the following period. The report shall also include any additional information—including findings and recommendations—that may assist the Government in evaluating progress under this contract. The first report shall include a detailed work outline of the project and the Contractor's planned phasing of work by reporting period.

SECTION D - PACKAGING AND MARKING

D.1 PACKING FOR DOMESTIC SHIPMENT

Material shall be packed for shipment in such a manner that will ensure acceptance by common carriers and safe delivery at destination. Containers and closures shall comply with the Interstate Commerce Commission regulations, Uniform Freight Classification Rules, or regulations of other carriers as applicable to the mode of transportation.

SECTION E - INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE

E.1 52.252-2 CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (FEB 1998)

This contract incorporates one or more clauses by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Upon request, the Contracting Officer will make their full text available. Also, the full text of a clause may be accessed electronically at this/these address(es):

http://www.arnet.gov

I. FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION (48 CFR CHAPTER 1) CLAUSES

NUMBER	TITLE	DATE
52.246-2	INSPECTION OF SUPPLIES	AUG 1996
52.246-4	- FIXED-PRICE INSPECTION OF SERVICES	AUG 1996
52.246-16	- FIXED-PRICE RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUPPLIES	APR 1984

E.2 INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE

Services rendered under this contract will be accepted and approved by the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative or his/her designated representative at their respective Government installation. Such approval will indicate acceptability to the Government of performance in accordance with the Statement of Work and the terms and conditions of this contract. The Government reserves the right to perform any inspections necessary to assure that the Contractor's services conform to prescribed requirements.

SECTION F - DELIVERIES OR PERFORMANCE

F.1 52.252-2 CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (FEB 1998)

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NUMBER TITLE DATE

52.242-15 STOP-WORK ORDER AUG 1989

52.242-17 GOVERNMENT DELAY OF WORK APR 1984

F.2 PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

The period of performance of this contract is from the effective date of the contract through twelve (12) months.

F.3 DELIVERY SCHEDULE

Below is a schedule of deliverables other than reports:

- a. Consultations with Department of Commerce and other USG
 agencies to select target organizations -Weeks 1-2
- b. Development of training program Weeks 1 12
- c. Issue of request for proposals from the Russian
 scientists/institutes Week 4
- d. Marketing of program to target organizations/countriesWeeks 4 7
- e. Due date for completed applications Week 8
- f. Selection of Vector Scientists for GMP Tweeking 9
- g. Review of applications and selection of participants: for Russian Based Training Weeks 11-13
- h. GMP Training of Vector Scientists Week 14-15
- i. Training of successful applicants (Russian-based training)- Weeks 17-27
- j. Selection of Top 35 candidates for U.S. traiWengs 18-20
- k. Identification of marketing opportunities for

participants -

Weeks 18-30

1. Marketing trips for participants to United SWatks 26-42

m. Contractor's summary report due - Week 48

F.4 1352.237-70 REPORTS (MAR 2000)

a. Progress Reports

The Contractor shall submit, to the Government, a progress report every 45-days after the effective date of the contract, and quarterly thereafter during the period of performance. The Contractor shall prepare a progress report advising of the work completed during the performance period, the work forecast for the following period, and the names, titles and number of hours expended for each of the Contractor's professional personnel assigned to the contract, including officials of the Contractor. The report shall also include any additional information—including findings and recommendations—that may assist the Government in evaluating progress under this contract. The first report shall include a detailed work outline of the project and the Contractor's planned phasing of work by reporting period.

b. Final Report

Within 5-days of completion of the performance period, the Contractor shall submit, to the Government, a comprehensive draft report containing the Contractor's findings and recommendations. The report shall conform to the requirements of the contract, and include all necessary data, maps and exhibits to support findings and recommendations. It shall include a recapitulation of the amount of hours expended by each of the Contractor's employees, including officials of the Contractor. The report shall also include a brief summary, including short statements on the project's objectives, scope, methodology, information obtained, and conclusions. The Government will review the draft and return it to the Contractor within thirty (30) days after receipt with comments and instructions for a format to be used in the preparation of the final report. The Contractor shall incorporate the comments into a final report and furnish the Government with copies upon contract completion.

c. In the event the Government does not return the draft copy of the report to the Contractor within the prescribed period, the Contractor shall be permitted an extra day for each day of delay caused by the Government. The Government shall not be liable for increased costs by reason of any such delay.

F.5 REPORT/PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Shall be set forth at time of award

SECTION G - CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION DATA

- G.1 1352.201-71 CONTRACTING OFFICER'S TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVE (COTR) (MAR 2000)
- a. <u>(To be designated at time of award)</u> is hereby designated as the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR). The COTR may be changed at any time by the Government without prior notice to the Contractor by a unilateral modification to the Contract.

		The	COTR	is	located	at:	
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Phone	Number:	:					

- b. The responsibilities and limitations of the COTR are as follows:
- (1) The COTR is responsible for the technical aspects of the project and serves as technical liaison with the Contractor. The COTR is also responsible for the final inspection and acceptance of all reports, and such other responsibilities as may be specified in the contract.
- (2) The COTR is not authorized to make any commitments or otherwise obligate the Government or authorize any changes which affect the Contract price, terms or conditions. Any Contractor request for changes shall be referred to the Contracting Officer directly or through the COTR. No such changes shall be made without the expressed prior authorization of the Contracting Officer. The COTR may designate assistant COTR(s) to act for the COTR by naming such assistant(s) in writing and transmitting a copy of such designation through the Contracting Officer to the Contractor.
- G.2 1352.201-70 CONTRACTING OFFICER'S AUTHORITY (MAR 2000)

The Contracting Officer is the only person authorized to make or approve any changes in any of the requirements of this contract and notwithstanding any provisions contained elsewhere in this contract, the said authority remains solely in the Contracting Officer. In the event the Contractor makes any changes at the direction of any person other than the Contracting Officer, the change will be considered to have been made without authority and no adjustment will be made in the contract terms and conditions, including price.

G.3 INVOICE PREPARATION

The contractor shall submit invoices in quadruplicate directly to the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR). To constitute a proper invoice, the invoice must include the following information or attached documentation required by FAR 52.232-25 (a) (4) (Prompt Payment), which is incorporated herein by reference:

- a. Name and address of the Contractor;
- b. Invoice date. (The Contractor is encouraged to date invoices as close as possible to the date of the mailing or transmission.)
- c. Contract number or other authorization for supplies delivered or services performed (including order number and contract line item number).
- d. Description, quantity, unit of measure, unit price, and extended price of supplies delivered or services performed.
- e. Name and address of Contractor official to whom payment is to be sent (must be the same as that in the contract or in a proper notice of assignment).
- f. Name (where practicable), title, phone number, and mailing address of person to be notified in the event of a defective invoice.
- g. Any other information or documentation required by the contract (such as evidence of shipment).
- h. While not required, the Contractor is strongly encouraged to assign an identification number to each invoice.

SECTION H - SPECIAL CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

H.1 1352.208-70 PRINTING (MAR 2000)

Unless otherwise specified in this contract, the Contractor shall not engage in, or subcontract for, any printing (as that term is defined in Title I of the Government Printing and Binding Regulations in effect on the effective date os this contract) in connection with performing under this contract. Provided, however, that performing a requirement under this contract involving the duplicating of less than 5,000 units of only one page, or less than 25,000 units in the aggregate of multiple pages, such pages not exceeding a maximum image size of 10 and 3/4 inches by 14 and 1/4 inches, will not be deemed printing.

H.2 1352.209-71 ORGANIZATIONAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST (MAR 2000)

- (a) The Contractor warrants that, to the best of the Contractor's knowledge and belief, there are no relevant facts or circumstances which would give rise to an organizational conflict of interest, as defined in FAR Subpart 9.5, or that the Contractor has disclosed all such relevant information.
- (b) The Contractor agrees that if an actual or potential organizational conflict of interest is discovered after award, the Contractor make will a full disclosure in writing to the Contracting Officer. This disclosure shall include a description of actions which the Contractor has taken or proposes to take, after consultation with the Contracting Officer, to avoid, mitigate, or neutralize the actual or potential conflict.
- (c) Remedies The Contracting Officer may terminate this contract for convenience, in whole or in part, if it deems such termination necessary to avoid an organizational conflict of interest. If the Contractor was aware of a potential organizational conflict of interest prior to award or discovered an actual or potential conflict after award and did not disclose or misrepresented relevant information to the Contracting Officer, the Government may terminate the contract for default, debar the Contractor for Government contracting, or pursue such other remedies as may be permitted by law or this contract.
- (d) The Contractor further agrees to insert provisions which shall conform substantially to the language of this clause, including the paragraph (d), in any subcontract of consultant agreement hereunder.

H.3 1352.209-72 RESTRICTIONS AGAINST DISCLOSURE (MAR 2000)

a. The Contractor agrees, in the performance of this contract, to keep the information furnished by the Government and designated by the Contracting Officer of Contracting Officer's Technical Representative in the strictest confidence. The Contractor also agrees not to publish or otherwise divulge such information in whole or in part, in any manner or form, nor to

authorize or permit others to do so, taking such reasonable measures as are necessary to restrict access to such information while in the Contractor's possession, to those employees needing such information to perform the work provided herein, i.e., on a "need to know" basis. The Contractor agrees to immediately notify the Contracting Officer in writing in the event that the Contractor determines or has reason to suspect a breach of this requirement.

- b. The Contractor agrees that it will not disclose any information described in subsection a to any persons or individual unless prior written approval is obtained from the Contracting Officer. The Contractor agrees to insert the substance of this clause in any consultant agreement or subcontract hereunder.
- H.4 1352.209-73 COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAWS (MAR 2000)

The Contractor shall comply with all applicable laws and rules and regulations having the force of law which deal with or relate to performance hereunder or the employment by the Contractor of the employees.

H.5 1352.233-70 HARMLESS FROM LIABILITY (MAR 2000)

The Contractor shall hold and save the Government, its officers, agents, and employees harmless from liability of any nature or kind, including costs and expenses to which they may be subject, for or on account of any or all suits or damages of any character whatsoever resulting form injuries or damages sustained by any person or persons or property by virtue of performance of this contract, arising or resulting in whole or in part from the fault, negligence, wrongful act or wrongful omission of the contractor, or any subcontractor, their employees, and agents.

- H.6 1352.237-73 KEY PERSONNEL (MAR 2000)
- a. The Contractor shall assign to this contract the following Key Personnel:
 - Shall be designated at time of award
- b. The Contractor shall obtain the consent of the Contracting Officer prior to making Key Personnel substitutions. Replacements for Key Personnel must possess qualifications equal to or exceeding the qualifications of the personnel being replaced specified.
- c. Requests for changes shall be submitted to the Contracting Officer at least 15 working days prior to making any permanent substitutions. The request should contain a detailed explanation of the circumstances necessitating the proposed substitutions, complete resumes for the proposed substitutes, and any additional information requested by the Contracting Officer. The Contracting Officer will notify the Contractor within 10 working days after receipt of all required information of the

decision on substitutions. The contract will be modified to reflect any approved changes.

H.7 1352.252-70 REGULATORY NOTICE (MAR 2000)

Contractors are advised that certain provisions and clauses identified with a Commerce Acquisition Regulation (CAR) notation for identification purposes, have not yet been incorporated into the CAR. However, all of these items are binding for this acquisition and will eventually be contained in the CAR at Part 13 of Title 48 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

H.8 NOTIFICATION OF PATENT TRADE SECRETS

The contractor shall establish and maintain active and effective procedures to assure that all information obtained during the course of this contract remains confidential so as to protect trade secrets/patent of items. Where the subject matter of this contract is considered confidential for reasons of security, the Contractor shall not file, or cause to be filed, an application or registration for a patent containing any of the subject matter of this contract. Additionally, the contractor is prohibited from obtaining any remuneration; fee, commission etc., from program participants or U. S. companies stemming from any commercialization effort.

H.9 TECHNICAL DIRECTION

The performance of the work required under this contract shall be subject to the technical direction and surveillance of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR) for the contract. As used herein "technical direction" is direction to the Contractor which fills in details, requires pursuit of certain lines of inquiry, or otherwise serves to accomplish the contractual statement of work. The technical direction to be valid:

- (a) must be issued in writing consistent with the statement of work set forth in this contract;
- (b) may not constitute new assignment of work or change to the express terms, conditions, or other provisions incorporated into this contract;
- (c) shall not constitute a basis for any increase in the fixed price amount or an extension in the performance schedule.

PART II - CONTRACT CLAUSES

SECTION I - CONTRACT CLAUSES

I.1 52.252-2 CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (FEB 1998)

This contract incorporates one or more clauses by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Upon request, the Contracting Officer will make their full text available. Also, the full text of a clause may be accessed electronically at this/these address(es):

http://www.arnet.gov

I. FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION (48 CFR CHAPTER 1) CLAUSES

NUMBER	TITLE	DATE	<u> </u>
52.203-3	DEFINITIONS GRATUITIES RESTRICTIONS ON SUBCONTRACTOR JUL SALES TO THE GOVERNMENT Alternate I (OCT 1995)	APR	1995 1984
	ANTI-KICKBACK PROCEDURES JUL PRICE OR FEE ADJUSTMENT FOR ILLEGAL OR IMPROPER ACTIVITY		1997
52.203-12	LIMITATION ON PAYMENTS TO INFLUENCE CERTAIN FEDERAL TRANSACTIONS (DEVIATION NOV 1990)		1997
52.204-4	PRINTED OR COPIED DOUBLE-SIDED ON RECYCLED PAPER		2000
52.209-6		JUL	1995
52.215-8	ORDER OF PRECEDENCEUNIFORM OCT CONTRACT FORMAT	1997	
52.215-14	INTEGRITY OF UNIT PRICES	ОСТ	1997
	REQUIREMENTS FOR COST OR PRICING DATA OR INFORMATION OTHER THAN COST OR PRICING DATAMODIFICATION	OCT	
52.219-8	UTILIZATION OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS	OCT	1999
52.222-20	WALSH-HEALEY PUBLIC CONTRACTS ACT	DEC	1996
52.222-35	AFFIRMATIVE ACTION FOR DISABLED VETERANS AND VETERANS OF THE VIETNAM ERA	APR	1998
52.222-36	AFFIRMATIVE ACTION FOR WORKERS WITH DISABILITIES	JUN	1998
52.222-37	EMPLOYMENT REPORTS ON DISABLED VETERANS AND VETERANS OF THE VIETNAM ERA	JAN	1999
52.223-14	TOXIC CHEMICAL RELEASE REPORTING	OCT	2000
52.225-13	RESTRICTIONS ON CERTAIN FOREIGN PURCHASES	JUL	2000
52.227-1	AUTHORIZATION AND CONSENT	JUL	1995

52.227-2	NOTICE AND ASSISTANCE REGARDING PATENT AND COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT	AUG	1996
52.229-3	FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL TAXES		1991
52.229-5	TAXES - CONTRACTS PERFORMED	APR	1984
	IN U.S. POSSESSIONS OR PUERTO RICO		
52.230-2	COST ACCOUNTING STANDARDS		1998
52.232.1	PAYMENTS	APR	1984
52.232-8	DISCOUNTS FOR PROMPT PAYMENT MAY	1997	
52.232-11	EXTRAS	APR	1984
52.232-17	INTEREST	JUN	1996
52.232-23	ASSIGNMENT OF CLAIMS	JAN	1986
52.232-25	PROMPT PAYMENT JUN 1	1997	
52.233-1	DISPUTES	DEC	1998
52.233-3	PROTEST AFTER AWARD AUG :	1996	
52.242-13	BANKRUPTCY		1995
52.243-1	CHANGES - FIXED-PRICE		1987
32.213 1	Alternate II (APR 1984)	1100	1707
52.244-5	COMPETITION IN SUBCONTRACTING DEC	1996	
52.244-6	SUBCONTRACTS FOR COMMERCIAL ITEMS	1000	
32.244-0	AND COMMERCIAL COMPONENTS	OCT	1998
E2 246 2E	LIMITATION OF LIABILITY - SERVICES		
52.249-2	TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE	SEP	1996
	OF THE GOVERNMENT (FIXED-PRICE)		
52.249-8	DEFAULT (FIXED-PRICE SUPPLY	APR	1984
	AND SERVICE)		
52.253-1	COMPUTER GENERATED FORMS JAN 3	1991	

I.2 52.203-8 CANCELLATION, RESCISSION, AND RECOVERY OF FUNDS FOR ILLEGAL OR IMPROPER ACTIVITY (JAN 1997)

- (a) If the Government receives information that a contractor or a person has engaged in conduct constituting a violation of subsection (a), (b), (c), or (d) of Section 27 of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act (41 U.S.C. 423) (the Act), as amended by section 4304 of the 1996 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1996 (Pub. L. 104-106), the Government may--
- (1) Cancel the solicitation, if the contract has not yet been awarded or issued; or
 - (2) Rescind the contract with respect to which--
- (i) The Contractor or someone acting for the Contractor has been convicted for an offense where the conduct constitutes a violation of subsection 27 (a) or (b) of the Act for the purpose of either--
- (A) Exchanging the information covered by such subsections for anything of value; or
- (B) Obtaining or giving anyone a competitive advantage in the award of a Federal agency procurement contract; or
 - (ii) The head of the contracting activity has determined,

based upon a preponderance of the evidence, that the Contractor or someone acting for the Contractor has engaged in conduct constituting an offense punishable under subsections 27(e)(1) of the Act.

- (b) If the Government rescinds the contract under paragraph (a) of this clause, the Government is entitled to recover, in addition to any penalty prescribed by law, the amount expended under the contract.
- (c) The rights and remedies of the Government specified herein are not exclusive, and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law, regulation, or under this contract.
- I.3 52.217-9 OPTION TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT (MAR 2000)
- (a) The Government may extend the term of this contract by written notice to the Contractor within 30; provided that the Government gives the Contractor a preliminary written notice of its intent to extend at least 30 days before the contract expires. The preliminary notice does not commit the Government to an extension.
- (b) If the Government exercises this option, the extended contract shall be considered to include this option clause.
- (c) The total duration of this contract, including the exercise of any options under this clause, shall not exceed 12-months.
- I.4 52.219-4 NOTICE OF PRICE EVALUATION PREFERENCE FOR HUBZONE SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS (JAN 1999)
- (a) Definition. "HUBZone small business concern," as used in this clause, means a small business concern that appears on the List of Qualified HUBZone Small Business Concerns maintained by the Small Business Administration.
 - (b) Evaluation preference.
- (1) Offers will be evaluated by adding a factor of 10 percent to the price of all offers, except--
- (i) Offers from HUBZone small business concerns that have not waived the evaluation preference;
- (ii) Otherwise successful offers from small business concerns;
- (iii) Otherwise successful offers of eligible products under the Trade Agreements Act when the dollar threshold for application of the Act is exceeded (see 25.402 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR)); and

(iv) Otherwise successful offers where application of the factor would be inconsistent with a Memorandum of Understanding or other international agreement with a foreign government.

- (2) The factor of 10 percent shall be applied on a line item basis or to any group of items on which award may be made. Other evaluation factors described in the solicitation shall be applied before application of the factor.
- (3) A concern that is both a HUBZone small business concern and a small disadvantaged business concern will receive the benefit of both the HUBZone small business price evaluation preference and the small disadvantaged business price evaluation adjustment (see FAR clause 52.219-23). Each applicable price evaluation preference or adjustment shall be calculated independently against an offeror's base offer. These individual preference amounts shall be added together to arrive at the total evaluated price for that offer.
- (c) Waiver of evaluation preference. A HUBZone small business concern may elect to waive the evaluation preference, in which case the factor will be added to its offer for evaluation purposes. The agreements in paragraph (d) of this clause do not apply if the offeror has waived the evaluation preference.
- ____ Offeror elects to waive the evaluation preference.
- (d) Agreement. A HUBZone small business concern agrees that in the performance of the contract, in the case of a contract for--
- (1) Services (except construction), at least 50 percent of the cost of personnel for contract performance will be spent for employees of the concern or employees of other HUBZone small business concerns;
- (2) Supplies (other than procurement from a nonmanufacturer of such supplies), at least 50 percent of the cost of manufacturing, excluding the cost of materials, will be performed by the concern or other HUBZone small business concerns;
- (3) General construction, at least 15 percent of the cost of the contract performance incurred for personnel will be spent on the concern's employees or the employees of other HUBZone small business concerns; or
- (4) Construction by special trade contractors, at least 25 percent of the cost of the contract performance incurred for personnel will be spent on the concern's employees or the employees of other HUBZone small business concerns.
- (e) A HUBZone joint venture agrees that in the performance of the contract, the applicable percentage specified

in paragraph (d) of this clause will be performed by the HUBZone small business participant or participants.

- (f) A HUBZone small business concern nonmanufacturer agrees to furnish in performing this contract only end items manufactured or produced by HUBZone small business manufacturer concerns. This paragraph does not apply in connection with construction or service contracts.
- I.5 52.219-23 NOTICE OF PRICE EVALUATION ADJUSTMENT FOR SMALL DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS CONCERNS (OCT 1999)
 - (a) Definitions. As used in this clause--

"Small disadvantaged business concern" means an offeror that represents, as part of its offer, that it is a small business under the size standard applicable to this acquisition; and either--

- (1) It has received certification by the Small Business Administration as a small disadvantaged business concern consistent with 13 CFR 124, Subpart B; and
- (i) No material change in disadvantaged ownership and control has occurred since its certification;
- (ii) Where the concern is owned by one or more disadvantaged individuals, the net worth of each individual upon whom the certification is based does not exceed \$750,000 after taking into account the applicable exclusions set forth at 13 CFR 124.104(c)(2); and
- (iii) It is identified, on the date of its representation, as a certified small disadvantaged business concern in the database maintained by the Small Business Administration (PRO-Net).
- (2) It has submitted a completed application to the Small Business Administration or a Private Certifier to be certified as a small disadvantaged business concern in accordance with 13 CFR 124, Subpart B, and a decision on that application is pending, and that no material change in disadvantaged ownership and control has occurred since its application was submitted. In this case, in order to receive the benefit of a price evaluation adjustment, an offeror must receive certification as a small disadvantaged business concern by the Small Business Administration prior to contract award; or

(3) Is a joint venture as defined in 13 CFR 124.1002(f).

"Historically black college or university" means an institution determined by the Secretary of Education to meet the requirements of 34 CFR 608.2. For the Department of Defense (DoD), the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), and the Coast Guard, the term also includes any nonprofit research institution that was an integral part of such a college or university before November 14, 1986.

"Minority institution" means an institution of higher education meeting the requirements of Section 1046(3) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1135d-5(3)) which, for purposes of this clause, includes a Hispanic-serving institution of higher education as defined in Section 316(b)(1) of the Act (20 U.S.C. 1059c(b)(1)).

"United States" means the United States, its territories and possessions, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, and the District of Columbia.

- (b) Evaluation adjustment.
- (1) The Contracting Officer will evaluate offers by adding a factor of percent to the price of all offers, except--
- (i) Offers from small disadvantaged business concerns that have not waived the adjustment;
- (ii) An otherwise successful offer of eligible products under the Trade Agreements Act when the dollar threshold for application of the Act is equaled or exceeded (see section 25.402 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR));
- (iii) An otherwise successful offer where application of the factor would be inconsistent with a Memorandum of Understanding or other international agreement with a foreign government;
- (iv) For DoD, NASA, and Coast Guard acquisitions, an otherwise successful offer from a historically black college or university or minority institution; and
- $$\rm (v)$$ For DoD acquisitions, an otherwise successful offer of qualifying country end products (see sections 225.000-70 and 252.225-7001 of the Defense FAR Supplement).
- (2) The Contracting Officer will apply the factor to a line item or a group of line items on which award may be made. The Contracting Officer will apply other evaluation factors described in the solicitation before application of the factor. The factor may not be applied if using the adjustment would cause the contract award to be made at a price that exceeds the fair market price by more than the factor in paragraph (b)(1)

of this clause.

(c) Waiver of evaluation adjustment. A small disadvantaged business concern may elect to waive the adjustment, in which case the factor will be added to its offer for evaluation purposes. The agreements in paragraph (d) of this clause do not apply to offers that waive the adjustment.

_____Offeror elects to waive the adjustment.

(d) Agreements.

- (1) A small disadvantaged business concern, that did not waive the adjustment, agrees that in performance of the contract, in the case of a contract for--
- (i) Services, except construction, at least 50 percent of the cost of personnel for contract performance will be spent for employees of the concern;
- (ii) Supplies (other than procurement from a nonmanufacturer of such supplies), at least 50 percent of the cost of manufacturing, excluding the cost of materials, will be performed by the concern;
- (iii) General construction, at least 15 percent of the cost of the contract, excluding the cost of materials, will be performed by employees of the concern; or
- (iv) Construction by special trade contractors, at least 25 percent of the cost of the contract, excluding the cost of materials, will be performed by employees of the concern.
- (2) A small disadvantaged business concern submitting an offer in its own name agrees to furnish in performing this contract only end items manufactured or produced by small disadvantaged business concerns in the United States. This paragraph does not apply in connection with construction or service contracts.

I.6 52.252-6 AUTHORIZED DEVIATIONS IN CLAUSES (APR 1984)

- (a) The use in this solicitation or contract of any Federal Acquisition Regulation (48 CFR Chapter 1) clause with an authorized deviation is indicated by the addition of "(DEVIATION)" after the date of the clause.
- (b) The use in this solicitation or contract of any Commerce Acquisition Regulation clause with an authorized deviation is indicated by the addition of "(DEVIATION)" after the name of the regulation.

PART III - LIST OF DOCUMENTS, EXHIBITS AND OTHER ATTACHMENTS

SECTION J - LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

THERE ARE NO ATTACHMENTS IN THIS DOCUMENT

PART IV - REPRESENTATIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS

SECTION K - REPRESENTATIONS, CERTIFICATIONS, AND OTHER STATEMENTS OF OFFERORS

- K.1 52.203-2 CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT PRICE DETERMINATION (APR 1985)
 - (a) The offeror certifies that--
- (1) The prices in this offer have been arrived at independently, without, for the purpose of restricting competition, any consultation, communication, or agreement with any other offeror or competitor relating to (i) those prices, (ii) the intention to submit an offer, or (iii) the methods or factors used to calculate the prices offered;
- (2) The prices in this offer have not been and will not be knowingly disclosed by the offeror, directly or indirectly, to any other offeror or competitor before bid opening (in the case of a sealed bid solicitation) or contract award (in the case of a negotiated solicitation) unless otherwise required by law; and
- (3) No attempt has been made or will be made by the offeror to induce any other concern to submit or not to submit an offer for the purpose of restricting competition.
- (b) Each signature on the offer is considered to be a certification by the signatory that the signatory--
- (1) Is the person in the offeror's organization responsible for determining the prices being offered in this bid or proposal, and that the signatory has not participated and will not participate in any action contrary to subparagraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) of this provision; or
- (2) (i) Has been authorized, in writing, to act as agent for the following principals in certifying that those principals have not participated, and will not participate in any action contrary to subparagraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) of this provision

[Insert full name of person(s) in the offeror's organization responsible for determining the prices offered in this bid or proposal, and the title of his or her position in the offeror's organization];

(ii) As an authorized agent, does certify that the principals named in subdivision (b)(2)(i) of this

provision have not participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to subparagraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) of this provision; and

- (iii) As an agent, has not personally participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to subparagraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) of this provision.
- (c) If the offeror deletes or modifies subparagraph (a)(2) of this provision, the offeror must furnish with its offer a signed statement setting forth in detail the circumstances of the disclosure.
- K.2 52.203-11 CERTIFICATION AND DISCLOSURE REGARDING PAYMENTS TO INFLUENCE CERTAIN FEDERAL TRANSACTIONS DEVIATION (JAN 1990)
- (a) The definitions and prohibitions contained in the clause, at FAR 52.203-12, Limitation on Payments to Influence Certain Federal Transactions, included in this solicitation, are hereby incorporated by reference in paragraph (b) of this certification.
- (b) The offeror, by signing its offer, hereby certifies to the best of his or her knowledge and belief as of December 23, 1989 that--
- (1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress on his or her behalf in connection with the awarding of a contract resulting from this solicitation;
- (2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds (including profit or fee received under a covered Federal transaction) have been paid, or will be paid, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress on his or her behalf in connection with this solicitation, the offeror shall complete and submit with its offer, OMB standard form LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities, to the Contracting Officer, and
- (3) He or she will include the language of this certification in all subcontract awards at any tier and require that all recipients of subcontract awards in excess of \$100,000 shall certify and disclose accordingly.
- (c) Submission of this certification and disclosure is a prerequisite for making or entering into this contract imposed by section 1352, title 31, United States Code. Any person who makes an expenditure prohibited under this provision or who fails to file or amend this disclosure form to be filed or amended by this provision, shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than

\$10,000, and not more than \$100,000, for each such failure.

- (a) Definition. Women-owned business concern, as used in this provision, means a concern that is at least 51 percent owned by one or more women; or in the case of any publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of its stock is owned by one or more women; and whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more women.
- (b) Representation. [Complete only if the offeror is a women-owned business concern and has not represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (b)(1) of FAR 52.219-1, Small Business Program Representations, of this solicitation.] The offeror represents that it [_] is a women-owned business concern.
- K.4 52.209-5 CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, PROPOSED DEBARMENT, AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS (MAR 1996)
- (a) (1) The Offeror certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that—
- (i) The Offeror and/or any of its Principals--
- (A) Are () are not () presently
 debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared
 ineligible for the award of contracts by any Federal agency;
- (B) Have () have not (), within a three-year period preceding this offer, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for: commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, state, or local) contract or subcontract; violation of Federal or state antitrust statutes relating to the submission of offers; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, or receiving stolen property; and
- (C) Are () are not () presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity with, commission of any of the offenses enumerated in subdivision (a)(1)(i)(B) of this provision.
- (ii) The Offeror has () has not (),
 within a three-year period preceding this offer, had one or more
 contracts terminated for default by any Federal agency.
- (2) "Principals," for the purposes of this certification, means officers; directors; owners; partners; and, persons having primary management or supervisory responsibilities within a business entity (e.g., general manager; plant manager;

head of a subsidiary, division, or business segment, and similar positions).

THIS CERTIFICATION CONCERNS A MATTER WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF AN AGENCY OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE MAKING OF A FALSE, FICTITIOUS, OR FRAUDULENT CERTIFICATION MAY RENDER THE MAKER SUBJECT TO PROSECUTION UNDER SECTION 1001, TITLE 18, UNITED STATES CODE.

(b) The Offeror shall provide immediate written notice to the Contracting Officer if, at any time prior to contract award, the Offeror learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

- (c) A certification that any of the items in paragraph (a) of this provision exists will not necessarily result in withholding of an award under this solicitation. However, the certification will be considered in connection with a determination of the Offeror's responsibility. Failure of the Offeror to furnish a certification or provide such additional information as requested by the Contracting Officer may render the Offeror nonresponsible.
- (d) Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render, in good faith, the certification required by paragraph (a) of this provision. The knowledge and information of an Offeror is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
- (e) The certification in paragraph (a) of this provision is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when making award. If it is later determined that the Offeror knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Government, the Contracting Officer may terminate the contract resulting from this solicitation for default.
- K.5 52.212-3 OFFEROR REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS-COMMERCIAL ITEMS (FEB 2001) Alternate III (OCT 2000)
 - (a) Definitions. As used in this provision:

"Emerging small business" means a small business concern whose size is no greater than 50 percent of the numerical size standard for the NAICS code designated.

"Forced or indentured child labor" means all work or service--

- (1) Exacted from any person under the age of 18 under the menace of any penalty for its nonperformance and for which the worker does not offer himself voluntarily; or
- (2) Performed by any person under the age of 18 pursuant to a contract the enforcement of which can be accomplished by process of penalties.

"Service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern"--

(1) Means a small business concern--

(i) Not less than 51 percent of which is owned by one or more service-disabled veterans or, in the case of any publicly owned business, not less than 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by one or more service-disabled veterans; and

- (ii) The management and daily business operations of which are controlled by one or more service-disabled veterans or, in the case of a veteran with permanent and severe disability, the spouse or permanent caregiver of such veteran.
- (2) Service-disabled veteran means a veteran, as defined in 38 U.S.C. 101(2), with a disability that is service-connected, as defined in 38 U.S.C. 101(16).

"Small business concern" means a concern, including its affiliates, that is independently owned and operated, not dominant in the field of operation in which it is bidding on Government contracts, and qualified as a small business under the criteria in 13 CFR part 121 and size standards in this solicitation.

"Veteran-owned small business concern" means a small business concern-

- (1) Not less than 51 percent of which is owned by one or more veterans (as defined at 38 U.S.C. 101(2)) or, in the case of any publicly owned business, not less than 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by one or more veterans; and
- (2) The management and daily business operations of which are controlled by one or more veterans.

"Women-owned small business concern" means a small business concern-

- (1) Which is at least 51 percent owned by one or more women or, in the case of any publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by one or more women; and
- (2) Whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more women.

"Women-owned business concern" means a concern which is at least 51 percent owned by one or more women; or in the case of any publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of its stock is owned by one or more women; and whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more women.

(b) Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) (26 U.S.C. 6109, 31 U.S.C. 7701). (Not applicable if the offeror is required to provide this information to a central contractor registration database to be eligible for award.)

(1) All offerors must submit the information required in paragraphs (b)(3) through (b)(5)of this provision to comply with debt collection requirements of 31 U.S.C. 7701(c) and 3325(d), reporting requirements of 26 U.S.C. 6041, 6041A, and 6050M, and implementing regulations issued by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

(2) The TIN may be used by the Government to collect and report on any delinquent amounts arising out of the offeror's relationship with the Government (31 U.S.C. 7701(c)(3)). If the resulting contract is subject to the payment reporting requirements described in FAR 4.904, the TIN provided hereunder may be matched with IRS records to verify the accuracy of the offeror's TIN.

(3) Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN).
[_] TIN:
[_] TIN has been applied for.
[_] TIN is not required because:
[_] Offeror is a nonresident alien, foreign corporation, or foreign partnership that does not have income effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States and does not have an office or place of business or a fiscal paying agent in the United States
[_] Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of a foreign government;
$[_]$ Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of the Federal Government.
(4) Type of organization.
<pre>[_] Sole proprietorship;</pre>
[_] Partnership;
<pre>[_] Corporate entity (not tax-exempt);</pre>
<pre>[_] Corporate entity (tax-exempt);</pre>
[_] Government entity (Federal, State, or local);
[_] Foreign government;
[_] International organization per 26 CFR 1.6049-4;
[_] Other
(5) Common parent.

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[_] Offeror is not owned or controlled by a commonparent;

[_] Name and TIN of common parent:

Name

TIN

- (c) Offerors must complete the following representations when the resulting contract is to be performed inside the United States, its territories or possessions, Puerto Rico, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, or the District of Columbia. Check all that apply.
- (1) Small business concern. The offeror represents as part of its offer that it $[\]$ is, $[\]$ is not a small business concern.
- (2) Veteran-owned small business concern. [Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (c)(1) of this provision.] The offeror represents as part of its offer that it [_] is, [_] is not a veteran-owned small business concern.
- (3) Service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern. [Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a veteran-owned small business concern in paragraph (c)(2) of this provision.] The offeror represents as part of its offer that it [_] is, [_] is not a service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern.
- (4) Small disadvantaged business concern. [Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (c)(1) of this provision.] The offeror represents, for general statistical purposes, that it [_] is, [_] is not a small disadvantaged business concern as defined in 13 CFR 124.1002.
- (5) Women-owned small business concern. [Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (c)(1) of this provision.] The offeror represents that it [_] is, [_] is not a women-owned small business concern.

Note: Complete paragraphs (c)(6) and (c)(7) only if this solicitation is expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold.

(6) Women-owned business concern (other than small business concern). [Complete only if the offeror is a women-owned business concern and did not represent itself as a small business concern in paragraph (c)(1) of this provision.] The offeror represents that it [_] is a women-owned business concern.

(7) Tie bid priority for labor surplus area concerns. If this is an invitation for bid, small business offerors may identify the labor surplus areas in which costs to be incurred on account of manufacturing or production (by offeror or first-tier subcontractors) amount to more than 50 percent of the contract price:

(ii) [Complete only for solicitations
indicated in an addendum as being for one of the targeted
industry categories (TICs) or four designated industry groups
(DIGs).] Offeror represents as follows:

(A) Offeror's number of employees for the past 12 months (check the Employees column if size standard stated in the solicitation is expressed in terms of number of employees); or

(B) Offeror's average annual gross revenue for the last 3 fiscal years (check the Average Annual Gross Number of Revenues column if size standard stated in the solicitation is expressed in terms of annual receipts).

(Check one of the following):

Number of Employees Average Annual

Gross Revenues

less	50 or fewer	\$1 million or
	51-100	\$1,000,001-\$2
million \$2,000,001-\$3.5 million million	101-250	
	251-500	\$3,500,001-\$5
	501-750	\$5,000,001-\$10
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\$10,000,001-\$17 million	Over 1,000	Over \$17
million	<u> </u>	·

(9) [Complete only if the solicitation contains the

⁽⁸⁾ Small Business Size for the Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program and for the Targeted Industry Categories under the Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program. [Complete only if the offeror has represented itself to be a small business concern under the size standards for this solicitation.]

⁽i) [Complete only for solicitations indicated in an addendum as being set-aside for emerging small businesses in one of the four designated industry groups (DIGs).] The offeror represents as part of its offer that it [_] is, [_] is not an emerging small business.

clause at FAR 52.219-23, Notice of Price Evaluation Adjustment for Small Disadvantaged Business Concerns, or FAR 52.219-25, Small Disadvantaged Business Participation Program--Disadvantaged Status and Reporting, and the offeror desires a benefit based on its disadvantaged status.]

(i) General. The offeror represents that either--

(A) It [_] is, [_] is not certified by the Small Business Administration as a small disadvantaged business concern and identified, on the date of this representation, as a certified small disadvantaged business concern in the database maintained by the Small Business Administration (PRO-Net), and that no material change in disadvantaged ownership and control has occurred since its certification, and, where the concern is owned by one or more individuals claiming disadvantaged status, the net worth of each individual upon whom the certification is based does not exceed \$750,000 after taking into account the applicable exclusions set forth at 13 CFR 124.104(c)(2); or

(B) It [_] has, [_] has not submitted a completed application to the Small Business Administration or a Private Certifier to be certified as a small disadvantaged business concern in accordance with 13 CFR 124, Subpart B, and a decision on that application is pending, and that no material change in disadvantaged ownership and control has occurred since its application was submitted.

(ii) [_] Joint Ventures under the Price Evaluation Adjustment for Small Disadvantaged Business Concerns. The offeror represents, as part of its offer, that it is a joint venture that complies with the requirements in 13 CFR 124.1002(f) and that the representation in paragraph (c)(7)(i) of this provision is accurate for the small disadvantaged business concern that is participating in the joint venture. [The offeror shall enter the name of the small disadvantaged business concern that is participating in the joint venture:________.]

(10) (Reserved)

(11) HUBZone small business concern. [Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (c)(1) of this provision.] The offeror represents as part of its offer that--

(i) It [_] is, [_] is not a HUBZone small business concern listed, on the date of this representation, on the List of Qualified HUBZone Small Business Concerns maintained by the Small Business Administration, and no material change in ownership and control, principal place of ownership, or HUBZone employee percentage has occurred since it was certified by the Small Business Administration in accordance with 13 CFR part 126; and

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Each HUBZone small business concern participating in the joint venture shall submit a separate signed copy of the HUBZone representation.

- (d) Representations required to implement provisions of Executive Order 11246--
- (1) Previous contracts and compliance. The offeror represents that--
- (i) It [_] has, [_] has not, participated in a previous contract or subcontract subject either to the Equal Opportunity clause of this solicitation; and
- (ii) It [_] has, [_] has not filed all
 required compliance reports.
- $\mbox{\ensuremath{\mbox{(2)}}}$ Affirmative Action Compliance. The offeror represents that—
- (i) It $[_]$ has developed and has on file, $[_]$ has not developed and does not have on file, at each establishment, affirmative action programs required by rules and regulations of the Secretary of Labor (41 CFR parts 60-1 and 60-2), or
- (ii) It [_] has not previously had contracts subject to the written affirmative action programs requirement of the rules and regulations of the Secretary of Labor.
- (e) Certification Regarding Payments to Influence Federal Transactions (31 U.S.C. 1352). (Applies only if the contract is expected to exceed \$100,000.) By submission of its offer, the offeror certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that no Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress or an employee of a Member of Congress on his or her behalf in connection with the award of any resultant contract.

(f) Buy American Act--Balance of Payments Program Certificate. (Applies only if the clause at Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 52.225-1, Buy American Act--Balance of Payments Program--Supplies, is included in this solicitation.)

(1) The offeror certifies that each end product, except those listed in paragraph (f)(2) of this provision, is a domestic end product as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Buy American Act--Balance of Payments Program--Supplies" and that the offeror has considered components of unknown origin to have been mined, produced, or manufactured outside the United States. The offeror shall list as foreign end products those end products manufactured in the United States that do not qualify as domestic end products.

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- (3) The Government will evaluate offers in accordance with the policies and procedures of FAR Part 25.
- (q) (1) Buy American Act--North American Free Trade Agreement -- Israeli Trade Act -- Balance of Payments Program Certificate. (Applies only if the clause at FAR 52.225-3, Buy American Act--North American Free Trade Agreement--Israeli Trade Act--Balance of Payments Program, is included in this solicitation.)
- (i) The offeror certifies that each end product, except those listed in paragraph (g)(1)(ii) or (g)(1)(iii) of this provision, is a domestic end product as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Buy American Act--North American Free Trade Agreement--Israeli Trade Act--Balance of Payments Program" and that the offeror has considered components of unknown origin to have been mined, produced, or manufactured outside the United States.
- (ii) The offeror certifies that the following supplies are NAFTA country end products or Israeli end products as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Buy American Act--North American Free Trade Agreement--Israeli Trade Act--Balance of Payments Program":

NAFTA Country or Israeli End Products:

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- (g) (1) (ii) The offeror certifies that the following supplies are Canadian end products as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Buy American Act--North American Free Trade Agreement--Israeli Trade Act--Balance of Payments Program":

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(iii) The Government will evaluate offers in accordance with the policies and procedures of FAR Part 25. For line items subject to the Trade Agreements Act, the Government will evaluate offers of U.S.-made, designated country, Caribbean Basin country, or NAFTA country end products without regard to the restrictions of the Buy American Act or the Balance of Payments Program. The Government will consider for award only offers of U.S.-made, designated country, Caribbean Basin country, or NAFTA country end products unless the Contracting Officer determines that there are no offers for such products or that the offers for such products are insufficient to fulfill the requirements of the solicitation.

- (h) Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension or Ineligibility for Award (Executive Order 12549). The offeror certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that--
- (1) The offeror and/or any of its principals [_] are, [_] are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible for the award of contracts by any Federal agency; and
- (2) [_] Have, [_] have not, within a three-year period preceding this offer, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for: commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a Federal, state or local government contract or subcontract; violation of Federal or state antitrust statutes relating to the submission of offers; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, or receiving stolen property; and [_] are, [_] are not presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a Government entity with, commission of any of these offenses.
- (i) Certification Regarding Knowledge of Child Labor for Listed End Products (Executive Order 13126). [The Contracting Officer must list in paragraph (i)(1) any end products being acquired under this solicitation that are included in the List of Products Requiring Contractor Certification as to Forced or Indentured Child Labor, unless excluded at 22.1503(b).]
 - (1) Listed end products.

Listed End Product

Listed Countries of Origin

(2) Certification. [If the Contracting Officer has identified end products and countries of origin in paragraph(i)(1) of this provision, then the offeror must certify to either

(i)(2)(i) or (i)(2)(ii) by checking the appropriate block.]

 $[\]$ (i) The offeror will not supply any end product listed in paragraph (i)(1) of this provision that was mined, produced, or manufactured in the corresponding country as listed for that product.

[_] (ii) The offeror may supply an end product listed in paragraph (i)(1) of this provision that was mined, produced, or manufactured in the corresponding country as listed for that product. The offeror certifies that it has made a good faith effort to determine whether forced or indentured child labor was used to mine, produce, or manufacture any such end product furnished under this contract. On the basis of those efforts, the offeror certifies that it is not aware of any such use of child labor.

K.6 52.215-6 PLACE OF PERFORMANCE (OCT 1997)

- (a) The offeror or respondent, in the performance of any contract resulting from this solicitation, [] intends, [] does not intend [check applicable block] to use one or more plants or facilities located at a different address from the address of the offeror or respondent as indicated in this proposal or response to request for information.
- (b) If the offeror or respondent checks "intends" in paragraph (a) of this provision, it shall insert in the following spaces the required information:

Place of Performance (Street Name and Address of Owner and Address, City, State, County, Operator of the Plant or Zip Code) Facility if Other than

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- K.7 52.219-1 SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM REPRESENTATIONS (OCT 2000)
 Alternate I (OCT 2000)
- (a) (1) The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code for this acquisition is 541611.
- (2) The small business size standard is no more than \$5.0 MILLION average annual receipts for an offeror's preceding 3 FYs.
- (3) The small business size standard for a concern which submits an offer in its own name, other than on a construction or service contract, but which proposes to furnish a product which it did not, itself manufacture, is 500 employees.

- (b) Representations.
- (1) The offeror represents as part of its offer that it [_] is, [_] is not a small business concern.
- (2) [Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (b)(1) of this provision.] The offeror represents, for general statistical purposes, that it [_] is, [_] is not, a small disadvantaged business concern as defined in 13 CFR 124.1002.
- (3) [Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (b)(1) of this provision.] The offeror represents as part of its offer that it [_] is, [_] is not a women-owned small business concern.
- (4) [Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (b)(1) of this provision.] The offeror represents as part of its offer that it [] is, [] is not a veteran-owned small business concern.
- (5) [Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a veteran-owned small business concern in paragraph (b)(4) of this provision.] The offeror represents as part of its offer that it [] is, [] is not a service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern.
- (6) [Complete only if offeror represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (b)(1) of this provision.] The offeror represents, as part of its offer, that--
- (i) It [_] is, [_] is not a HUB Zone small business concern listed, on the date of this representation, on the List of Qualified HUBZone Small Business Concerns maintained by the Small Business Administration, and no material change in ownership and control, principal office of ownership, or HUBZone employee percentage has occurred since it was certified by the Small Business Administration in accordance with 13 CFR Part 126; and
- (ii) It [_] is, [_] is not a joint venture that complies with the requirements of 13 CFR Part 126, and the representation in paragraph (b)(6)(i) of this provision is accurate for the HUBZone small business concern or concerns that are participating in the joint venture. [The offeror shall enter the name or names of the HUBZone small business concern or concerns that are participating in the joint venture:

participating in the joint venture shall submit a separate signed copy of the HUBZone representation.

- (c) Definitions. As used in this provision--
- "Service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern"--
 - (1) Means a small business concern--
- (i) Not less than 51 percent of which is owned by one or more service-disabled veterans or, in the case of any publicly owned business, not less than 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by one or more service-disabled veterans; and
- (ii) The management and daily business operations of which are controlled by one or more service-disabled veterans or, in the case of a veteran with permanent and severe disability, the spouse or permanent caregiver of such veteran.
- (2) Service-disabled veteran means a veteran, as defined in 38 U.S.C. 101(2), with a disability that is service-connected, as defined in 38 U.S.C. 101(16).

"Small business concern," means a concern, including its affiliates, that is independently owned and operated, not dominant in the field of operation in which it is bidding on Government contracts, and qualified as a small business under the criteria in 13 CFR part 121 and the size standard in paragraph (a) of this provision.

"Veteran-owned small business concern" means a small business concern--

- (1) Not less than 51 percent of which is owned by one or more veterans (as defined at 38 U.S.C. 101(2)) or, in the case of any publicly owned business, not less than 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by one or more veterans; and
- (2) The management and daily business operations of which are controlled by one or more veterans.

"Women-owned small business concern," means a small business concern-

- (1) Which is at least 51 percent owned by one or more women or, in the case of any publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by one or more women; and
- (2) Whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more women.
 - (d) Notice.

(1) If this solicitation is for supplies and has been set aside, in whole or in part, for small business concerns, then the clause in this solicitation providing notice of the set-aside contains restrictions on the source of the end items to be furnished.

- (2) Under 15 U.S.C. 645(d), any person who misrepresents a firm's status as a small, HUBZone small, small disadvantaged, or women-owned small business concern in order to obtain a contract to be awarded under the preference programs established pursuant to section 8(a), 8(d), 9, or 15 of the Small Business Act or any other provision of Federal law that specifically references section 8(d) for a definition of program eligibility, shall--
- (i) Be punished by imposition of fine, imprisonment, or both;
- (ii) Be subject to administrative remedies, including suspension and debarment; and
- (iii) Be ineligible for participation in programs conducted under the authority of the Act.
- K.8 52.219-22 SMALL DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS STATUS (OCT 1999)
- (a) General. This provision is used to assess an offeror's small disadvantaged business status for the purpose of obtaining a benefit on this solicitation. Status as a small business and status as a small disadvantaged business for general statistical purposes is covered by the provision at FAR 52.219-1, Small Business Program Representation.
 - (b) Representations.
- (1) General. The offeror represents, as part of its offer, that it is a small business under the size standard applicable to this acquisition; and either--
- $[\]$ (i) It has received certification by the Small Business Administration as a small disadvantaged business concern consistent with 13 CFR 124, Subpart B; and
- (A) No material change in disadvantaged ownership and control has occurred since its certification;
- (B) Where the concern is owned by one or more disadvantaged individuals, the net worth of each individual upon whom the certification is based does not exceed \$750,000 after taking into account the applicable exclusions set forth at 13 CFR 124.104(c)(2); and
- (C) It is identified, on the date of its representation, as a certified small disadvantaged business concern in the database maintained by the Small Business Administration (PRO-Net); or

[_] (ii) It has submitted a completed application to the Small Business Administration or a Private Certifier to be certified as a small disadvantaged business concern in accordance with 13 CFR 124, Subpart B, and a decision on that application is pending, and that no material change in disadvantaged ownership and control has occurred since its application was submitted.

(2) [_] For Joint Ventures. The offeror represents, as part of its offer, that it is a joint venture that complies with the requirements at 13 CFR 124.1002(f) and that the representation in paragraph (b)(1) of this provision is accurate for the small disadvantaged business concern that is participating in the joint venture.

[The offeror shall enter the name of the small disadvantaged business concern that is participating in the joint venture: .]

- (c) Penalties and Remedies. Anyone who misrepresents any aspects of the disadvantaged status of a concern for the purposes of securing a contract or subcontract shall--
- (1) Be punished by imposition of a fine, imprisonment, or both;
- (2) Be subject to administrative remedies, including suspension and debarment; and
- (3) Be ineligible for participation in programs conducted under the authority of the Small Business Act.
- K.9 52.223-13 Certification of Toxic Chemical Release Reporting (Oct 2000)
- (a) Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this contract imposed by Executive Order 12969, August 8, 1995.
 - (b) By signing this offer, the offeror certifies that--
- (1) As the owner or operator of facilities that will be used in the performance of this contract that are subject to the filing and reporting requirements described in section 313 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 (EPCRA) (42 U.S.C. 11023) and section 6607 of the Pollution Prevention Act of 1990 (PPA) (42 U.S.C. 13106), the offeror will file and continue to file for such facilities for the life of the contract the Toxic Chemical Release Inventory Form (Form R) as described in sections 313(a) and (g) of EPCRA and section 6607 of PPA; or
- (2) None of its owned or operated facilities to be used in the performance of this contract is subject to the Form R

filing and reporting requirements because each such facility is exempt for at least one of the following reasons: [Check each block that is applicable.]

- (i) The facility does not manufacture, process, or otherwise use any toxic chemicals listed under section 313(c) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. 11023(c);
- (ii) The facility does not have 10 or more full-time employees as specified in section 313(b)(1)(A) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. 11023(b)(1)(A);
- (iii) The facility does not meet the reporting thresholds of toxic chemicals established under section 313(f) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. 11023(f) (including the alternate thresholds at 40 CFR 372.27, provided an appropriate certification form has been filed with EPA);

(iv) The facility does not fall within Standard Industrial Classification Code (SIC) major groups 20 through 39 or their corresponding North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) sectors 31 through 33; or (v) The facility is not located within any State of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, the Northern Mariana Islands, or any other territory or possession over which the United States has jurisdiction.

SECTION L - INSTRUCTIONS, CONDITIONS, AND NOTICES TO OFFERORS

L.1 52.252-1 SOLICITATION PROVISIONS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (FEB 1998)

This solicitation incorporates one or more solicitation provisions by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Upon request, the Contracting Officer will make their full text available. The offeror is cautioned that the listed provisions may include blocks that must be completed by the offeror and submitted with its quotation or offer. In lieu of submitting the full text of those provisions, the offeror may identify the provision by paragraph identifier and provide the appropriate information with its quotation or offer. Also, the full text of a solicitation provision may be accessed electronically at this/these address(es):

http://www.arnet.gov

I. FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION (48 CFR CHAPTER 1) PROVISIONS

NUMBER	TITLE	DATE
52.204-6	DATA UNIVERSAL NUMBERING SYSTEM (DUNS) NUMBER	JUN 1999
52.214-34	SUBMISSION OF OFFERS IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE	APR 1991
52.214-35	SUBMISSION OF OFFERS IN U.S. CURRENCY	APR 1991
52.215-16	FACILITIES CAPITAL COST OF MONEY	OCT 1997
52.219-24	SMALL DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS PARTICIPATION PROGRAMTARGETS	OCT 2000

- L.2 52.215-1 INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS--COMPETITIVE ACQUISITION (FEB 2000) Alternate I (OCT 1997)
 - (a) Definitions. As used in this provision--

"Discussions" are negotiations that occur after establishment of the competitive range that may, at the Contracting Officer's discretion, result in the offeror being allowed to revise its proposal.

"In writing" or "written" means any worded or numbered expression which can be read, reproduced, and later communicated, and includes electronically transmitted and stored information.

"Proposal modification" is a change made to a proposal before the solicitation's closing date and time, or made in response to an amendment, or made to correct a mistake at any time before award.

"Proposal revision" is a change to a proposal made after the solicitation closing date, at the request of or as

allowed by a Contracting Officer as the result of negotiations.

"Time", if stated as a number of days, is calculated using calendar days, unless otherwise specified, and will include Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays. However, if the last day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, then the period shall include the next working day.

- (b) Amendments to solicitations. If this solicitation is amended, all terms and conditions that are not amended remain unchanged. Offerors shall acknowledge receipt of any amendment to this solicitation by the date and time specified in the amendment(s).
- (c) Submission, modification, revision, and withdrawal of proposals.
- (1) Unless other methods (e.g., electronic commerce or facsimile) are permitted in the solicitation, proposals and modifications to proposals shall be submitted in paper media in sealed envelopes or packages (i) addressed to the office specified in the solicitation, and (ii) showing the time and date specified for receipt, the solicitation number, and the name and address of the offeror. Offerors using commercial carriers should ensure that the proposal is marked on the outermost wrapper with the information in paragraphs (c)(1)(i) and (c)(1)(ii) of this provision.
 - (2) The first page of the proposal must show--
 - (i) The solicitation number;
- (ii) The name, address, and telephone and facsimile numbers of the offeror (and electronic address if available);
- (iii) A statement specifying the extent of agreement with all terms, conditions, and provisions included in the solicitation and agreement to furnish any or all items upon which prices are offered at the price set opposite each item;
- (iv) Names, titles, and telephone and facsimile numbers (and electronic addresses if available) of persons authorized to negotiate on the offeror's behalf with the Government in connection with this solicitation; and
- (v) Name, title, and signature of person authorized to sign the proposal. Proposals signed by an agent shall be accompanied by evidence of that agent's authority, unless that evidence has been previously furnished to the issuing office.
- (3) Submission, modification, revision, and withdrawal of proposals.
 - (i) Offerors are responsible for submitting

proposals, and any modifications or revisions, so as to reach the Government office designated in the solicitation by the time specified in the solicitation. If no time is specified in the solicitation, the time for receipt is 4:30 p.m., local time, for the designated Government office on the date that proposal or revision is due.

- (ii) (A) Any proposal, modification, or revision received at the Government office designated in the solicitation after the exact time specified for receipt of offers is "late" and will not be considered unless it is received before award is made, the Contracting Officer determines that accepting the late offer would not unduly delay the acquisition; and--
- (1) If it was transmitted through an electronic commerce method authorized by the solicitation, it was received at the initial point of entry to the Government infrastructure not later than 5:00 p.m. one working day prior to the date specified for receipt of proposals; or
- (2) There is acceptable evidence to establish that it was received at the Government installation designated for receipt of offers and was under the Government's control prior to the time set for receipt of offers; or

received.

- (3) It is the only proposal
- (B) However, a late modification of an otherwise successful proposal that makes its terms more favorable to the Government, will be considered at any time it is received and may be accepted.
- (iii) Acceptable evidence to establish the time of receipt at the Government installation includes the time/date stamp of that installation on the proposal wrapper, other documentary evidence of receipt maintained by the installation, or oral testimony or statements of Government personnel.
- (iv) If an emergency or unanticipated event interrupts normal Government processes so that proposals cannot be received at the office designated for receipt of proposals by the exact time specified in the solicitation, and urgent Government requirements preclude amendment of the solicitation, the time specified for receipt of proposals will be deemed to be extended to the same time of day specified in the solicitation on the first work day on which normal Government processes resume.
- (v) Proposals may be withdrawn by written notice received at any time before award. Oral proposals in response to oral solicitations may be withdrawn orally. If the solicitation authorizes facsimile proposals, proposals may be withdrawn via facsimile received at any time before award, subject to the conditions specified in the provision at 52.215-5, Facsimile Proposals. Proposals may be withdrawn in person by an

offeror or an authorized representative, if the identity of the person requesting withdrawal is established and the person signs a receipt for the proposal before award.

(4) Unless otherwise specified in the solicitation, the offeror may propose to provide any item or combination of items.

(5) Offerors shall submit proposals in response to this solicitation in English, unless otherwise permitted by the solicitation, and in U.S. dollars, unless the provision at FAR 52.225-17, Evaluation of Foreign Currency Offers, is included in the solicitation.

- (6) Offerors may submit modifications to their proposals at any time before the solicitation closing date and time, and may submit modifications in response to an amendment, or to correct a mistake at any time before award.
- (7) Offerors may submit revised proposals only if requested or allowed by the Contracting Officer.
- (8) Proposals may be withdrawn at any time before award. Withdrawals are effective upon receipt of notice by the Contracting Officer.
- (d) Offer expiration date. Proposals in response to this solicitation will be valid for the number of days specified on the solicitation cover sheet (unless a different period is proposed by the offeror).
- (e) Restriction on disclosure and use of data. Offerors that include in their proposals data that they do not want disclosed to the public for any purpose, or used by the Government except for evaluation purposes, shall--
- (1) Mark the title page with the following legend: This proposal includes data that shall not be disclosed outside the Government and shall not be duplicated, used, or disclosed—in whole or in part—for any purpose other than to evaluate this proposal. If, however, a contract is awarded to this offeror as a result of—or in connection with—the submission of this data, the Government shall have the right to duplicate, use, or disclose the data to the extent provided in the resulting contract. This restriction does not limit the Government's right to use information contained in this data if it is obtained from another source without restriction. The data subject to this restriction are contained in sheets [insert numbers or other identification of sheets]; and
- (2) Mark each sheet of data it wishes to restrict with the following legend: Use or disclosure of data contained on this sheet is subject to the restriction on the title page of this proposal.

(f) Contract award.

- (1) The Government intends to award a contract or contracts resulting from this solicitation to the responsible offeror(s) whose proposal(s) represents the best value after evaluation in accordance with the factors and subfactors in the solicitation.
 - (2) The Government may reject any or all proposals

if such action is in the Government's interest.

(3) The Government may waive informalities and minor irregularities in proposals received.

- (4) The Government intends to evaluate proposals and award a contract after conducting discussions with offerors whose proposals have been determined to be within the competitive range. If the Contracting Officer determines that the number of proposals that would otherwise be in the competitive range exceeds the number at which an efficient competition can be conducted, the Contracting Officer may limit the number of proposals in the competitive range to the greatest number that will permit an efficient competition among the most highly rated proposals. Therefore, the offeror's initial proposal should contain the offeror's best terms from a price and technical standpoint.
- (5) The Government reserves the right to make an award on any item for a quantity less than the quantity offered, at the unit cost or prices offered, unless the offeror specifies otherwise in the proposal.
- (6) The Government reserves the right to make multiple awards if, after considering the additional administrative costs, it is in the Government's best interest to do so.
- (7) Exchanges with offerors after receipt of a proposal do not constitute a rejection or counteroffer by the Government.
- (8) The Government may determine that a proposal is unacceptable if the prices proposed are materially unbalanced between line items or subline items. Unbalanced pricing exists when, despite an acceptable total evaluated price, the price of one or more contract line items is significantly overstated or understated as indicated by the application of cost or price analysis techniques. A proposal may be rejected if the Contracting Officer determines that the lack of balance poses an unacceptable risk to the Government.
- (9) If a cost realism analysis is performed, cost realism may be considered by the source selection authority in evaluating performance or schedule risk.
- (10) A written award or acceptance of proposal mailed or otherwise furnished to the successful offeror within the time specified in the proposal shall result in a binding contract without further action by either party.
- (11) The Government may disclose the following information in postaward debriefings to other offerors:
- (i) The overall evaluated cost or price and technical rating of the successful offeror;

(ii) The overall ranking of all offerors, when any ranking was developed by the agency during source selection;

(iii) A summary of the rationale for award;

and

(iv) For acquisitions of commercial items, the make and model of the item to be delivered by the successful offeror.

L.3 52.216-1 TYPE OF CONTRACT (APR 1984)

The Government contemplates award of a firm-fixed price contract resulting from this solicitation.

L.4 52.252-5 AUTHORIZED DEVIATIONS IN PROVISIONS (APR 1984)

- (a) The use in this solicitation or contract of any Federal Acquisition Regulation (48 CFR Chapter 1) provision with an authorized deviation is indicated by the addition of "(DEVIATION)" after the date of the provision.
- (b) The use in this solicitation or contract of any Commerce Acquisition Regulation provision with an authorized deviation is indicated by the addition of "(DEVIATION)" after the name of the regulation.

L.5 1352.252-71 REGULATORY NOTICE (MAR 2000)

Offerors are advised that certain provisions and clauses identified with a Commerce Acquisition Regulation (CAR) notation for identification purposes, have not yet been incorporated into the CAR. However, all of these items are binding for this acquisition and will eventually be contained in the CAR at Part 13 of Title 48 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

L.6 1352.215-73 INQUIRIES (MAR 2000)

Offerors must submit all questions concerning this solicitation in writing to the Contracting Officer. They must be received no later than fifteen calendar days after the date of this solicitation. All responses to the questions will be made in writing and included in an amendment to the solicitation.

L.7 1352.233-71 SERVICE OF PROTESTS (MAR 2000)

An agency protest may be filed with either (1) the Contracting Officer, or

(2) at a level above the Contracting Officer, with the agency Protest Decision

Authority. See 64 Fed. Reg. 16,651 (April 6, 1999) (Internet site: http://oamweb.osec.doc.gov/conops/reflib/alp1296.htm) for the procedures for filing agency protests at the level above the Contracting Officer (with the Protest Decision Authority).

Agency protests filed with the Contracting Officer shall be sent to the following address:

Diane C. Husereau U. S. Department of Commerce/NOAA Acquisition Management Division Contract Administration Branch, Rm 7604 Silver Spring, MD 20910-3281

If a protest is filed with either the Protest Decision Authority, or with the General Accounting Office (GAO), a complete copy of the protest (including all attachments) shall be served upon both the Contracting Officer and Contract Law Division of the Office of the General Counsel within one day of filing with the Protest Decision Authority or with GAO. Service upon the Contract Law Division shall be made, as follows:

U.S. Department of Commerce
Office of the General Counsel
Contract Law Division--Room 5893
Herbert C. Hoover Building
14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20230.
Attn: Jerry Walz, Esquire
FAX: (202) 482-5858

- L.8 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AGENCY-LEVEL PROTEST PROCEDURES LEVEL ABOVE THE CONTRACTING OFFICER (DEC 1996)
- I. PURPOSE: To implement the requirements of Executive Order No. 12979 and Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR 33.103).

On October 25, 1995, President Clinton signed Executive Order No. 12979 which directs heads of executive agencies to develop administrative procedures for resolving protests to awards of procurement contracts within their agencies at a level above the contracting officer. Authority to administer procurement-related directives has been delegated within the Department of Commerce through the Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary for Administration to the Director for Acquisition Management (Procurement Executive).

The Department's goal is to encourage protesters to resolve their protests at the agency level, help build confidence in the Government's acquisition system, and reduce protests to the General Accounting Office and other external fora. Prior to submission of an agency protest, all parties shall use their best efforts to resolve concerns raised by an interested party at the contracting officer level through open and frank discussions. If concerns cannot be resolved, protesters may use these procedures when a resolution is requested from the agency at a level above the contracting officer.

II. DEFINITIONS:

An agency protest is one that may be filed with either the contracting officer or the protest decision authority but not both. When a protester decides to file a protest at the agency level with the protest decision authority, the quidelines set forth in these established agency level protest procedures above the contracting officer apply. These procedures are in addition to the existing protest procedures contained in the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 33.102. A day is a calendar day. In computing a period of time for the purpose of these procedures, the day from which the period begins to run is not counted. When the last day of the period is a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday, the period extends to the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday. Similarly, when the Washington, DC offices of the Department of Commerce are closed for all or part of the last day, the period extends to the next day on which the Department is open.

III. PROCEDURES:

a. Protesters using these procedures may protest to the protest decision authority who will make the final decision for the Department. Protests shall be addressed to:

Mr. Dick Bennett Director of Acquisition, Acquisition & Grants 1305 East West Highway SSMC4, Room 7604 Silver Spring, MD 20910 FAX No. 301-713-0219

The outside of the envelope or beginning of the FAX transmission must be marked "Agency-level Protest". The protester shall also provide a copy of the protest within 1 day to the responsible contracting officer and a copy to the addressee indicated below:

Contract Law Division Office of the Assistant General Counsel for Finance

and

Litigation
Department of Commerce, Room H5882
14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20230
(FAX Number 202-482-5858)

- b. Election of forum: While a protest is pending at the agency level with the protest decision authority, the protester agrees not to protest to the General Accounting Office (GAO) or any other external fora. If the protester has already filed with the GAO or other external fora, the procedures described here may not be used.
- 1. Protests based upon alleged improprieties in a solicitation which are apparent prior to bid opening or time set for receipt of proposals shall be filed prior to bid opening or the time set for receipt of proposals. If the contract has been

awarded, protests must be filed within 10 days after contract award or 5 days after the date the protester was given the opportunity to be debriefed, whichever date is later. In cases other than those covered in the preceding two sentences, protests shall be filed not later than 10 days after the basis of the protest is known or should have been known, whichever is earlier.

- 2. To be filed on a given day, protests must be received by 4:30 PM current local time. Any protests received after that time will be considered to be filed on the next day. Incomplete submissions will not be considered filed until all information is provided.
- 3. To be complete, protests must contain the following information:
- (i) the protester's name, address, telephone number, and fax number
- (ii) the solicitation or contract number, name of contracting office and the contracting officer
- (iii) a detailed statement of all factual and legal grounds for protests, and an explanation of how the protester was prejudiced
- (iv) copies of relevant documents supporting protester's
 statement
 - (v) a request for ruling by the agency
 - (vi) statement as to form of relief requested
- (vii) all information establishing that the protester is an interested party for the purpose of filing a protest
- (viii) all information establishing the timeliness of the protest.
- All protests must be signed by an authorized representative of the protester.

Within 14 days after the protest is filed, the contracting officer will prepare an administrative report that responds to the issues raised by the protester and addresses any other issues, which, even if not raised by the protester, have been identified by agency officials as being relevant to the fairness of the procurement process. For good cause shown, the protest decision authority may grant an extension of time for filing the administrative report and for issuing the written decision. When an extension is granted, the protest decision authority will notify the protester and all interested parties within 1 day of the decision to grant the extension.

Unless an extension is granted, the protest decision authority will issue a decision within 35 days of the protest. The protest

decision authority's final decision will be binding on the Department of Commerce and not subject to further appeals.

The protest decision authority shall send a written ruling and a summary of the reasons supporting the ruling to the protester by certified mail, return receipt requested with information copies to the applicable contracting office and Office of Acquisition Management.

Effect of protest on award and performance:

When a protest is filed prior to award, a contract may not be awarded unless authorized by the Head of the Contracting Activity (HCA) based on a written finding that:

- (i) the supplies or services are urgently required,
- (ii) delivery or performance would be unduly delayed by failure to make the award promptly, or
- (iii) a prompt award will be in the best interest of the Government.

When a protest is filed within 10 days after contract award or 5 days after a debriefing date was offered to the protester under a timely debriefing request in accordance with FAR 15.1004, whichever is later, the contracting officer shall immediately suspend performance pending the resolution of the protest within the agency, including any review by an independent higher official, unless continued performance is justified. The HCA may authorize contract performance, notwithstanding the protest, based on a written finding that:

- (i) contract performance would be in the best interest of the United States, or
- (ii) urgent and compelling circumstances that significantly affect the interests of the United States will not permit waiting for a decision.

IV. REMEDIES:

The protest decision authority may grant one or more of the following remedies:

- (1) terminate the contract,
- (2) re-compete the requirement,
- (3) issue a new solicitation,
- (4) refrain from exercising options under the contract,
- (5) award a contract consistent with statutes and regulations,
- (6) amend the solicitation provisions which gave rise to the protest and continue with the procurement,
- (7) such other remedies as the decision-maker may

determine are necessary to correct a defect.

SECTION M - EVALUATION FACTORS FOR AWARD

M.1 52.252-1 SOLICITATION PROVISIONS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (FEB 1998)

This solicitation incorporates one or more solicitation provisions by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Upon request, the Contracting Officer will make their full text available. The offeror is cautioned that the listed provisions may include blocks that must be completed by the offeror and submitted with its quotation or offer. In lieu of submitting the full text of those provisions, the offeror may identify the provision by paragraph identifier and provide the appropriate information with its quotation or offer. Also, the full text of a solicitation provision may be accessed electronically at this/these address(es):

http://www.arnet.gov

M.2 CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITY

It is the policy of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration that contracts shall be awarded only to responsive and responsible Contractors. To be determined responsible, a prospective Contractor must:

- (a) Have adequate financial resources to perform the contract, or have the ability to obtain them;
- (b) Be able to comply with the required or proposed delivery or performance schedule, taking into consideration all existing commercial and Governmental business commitments;
 - (c) Have a satisfactory performance record;
- (d) Have a satisfactory record of integrity and business ethics;
- (e) Have the necessary organization, experience, accounting and operational controls, and technical skills, or the ability to obtain them (including, as appropriate, such elements as production control systems, and quality assurance measures applicable to materials to be produced or services to be performed by the prospective Contractor and subcontractors);
- (f) Have the necessary production, construction, and technical equipment and facilities, or the ability to obtain them; and
- (g) Be otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award under applicable laws and regulations.

M.3 1352.215-75 BASIS FOR EVALUATION (MAR 2000)

a. This is a competitive requirement. Award will be made to the offeror(s): whose offer conforms to the solicitation requirements; who is determined responsible in accordance with the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR) by possessing the financial and other capabilities to fulfill the requirements of the contract; and whose proposal is judged, by an integrated assessment of price and other evaluation factor(s) listed in SECTION M, to be the most advantageous to the Government. The Government will use the best value trade-off process in determining which offer is in the best interest of the Government, in accordance with FAR 15.101-2.

b. The Government intends to award single contract(s) from this solicitation. The Government reserves the right not to award a contract depending on the quality of the proposal(s) submitted and the availability of funds.

(1) Evaluation of Proposals

A. Initial Evaluation of Proposals

An evaluation plan has been established to evaluate the factors set forth in the Evaluation Criteria stated below, and all offers received will be evaluated in accordance with the established evaluation plan. The Government reserves the right to make an award without discussion based solely upon initial proposals. Therefore, Offerors should ensure that their initial proposal constitutes their best offer in terms of both price and the technical solution being proposed. The Contracting Officer will establish a competitive range comprised of the most highly rated proposals. If the Contracting Officer determines that the number of proposals that would otherwise be in the competitive range exceeds the number at which an efficient competition can be conducted, the Contracting Officer may limit the number of proposals in the competitive range to the greatest number that will permit an efficient competition among the most highly rated proposals. Only those offerors in the competitive range will be offered an opportunity to participate further in the procurement.

B. Discussion/Final Proposal Revisions

The Contracting Officer will engage in discussions with all offerors in the competitive range in accordance with FAR 15.306. At the conclusion of the discussions, a final common cut-off date which allows a reasonable opportunity for submission of written final proposal revisions will be established. Those offerors selected to remain in the competitive range will be notified to submit Final Proposal Revisions.

C. Final Evaluation of Offers

A final proposal evaluation will be performed after receipt of Final Proposal Revisions.

M.4 EVALUATION CRITERIA

The proposal should be prepared in the format and in a manner that sequentially addresses all aspects of the solicitation requirements. After receipt of proposals and during the evaluation process, it may be necessary to obtain written or oral clarifications from the offeror in order to complete the evaluations. However, an award may be made without further written or oral discussion. For this reason, the offeror is advised to submit initial proposals which are technically complete and accurate and competitively priced.

The Offeror's proposal will be evaluated to determine if it meets the requirements as specified in Section C and M of this solicitation. The Offeror's proposal must give clear, detailed information sufficient to enable evaluation based on the major factors as listed below:

- a. Technical
- b. Cost/Price

The Technical Proposal is equal to the Cost/Price Proposal.

M.4.1 Technical Proposal Evaluation

In evaluating the technical proposal emphasis will be placed on the following: The quality and applicability of the proposed approach for meeting each of requirements set forth in Section C.3, including the illustration of the training objectives, processes, and procedures, and techniques, as well as the quality and effectiveness of the training objectives. Technical proposals will be evaluated based on the following evaluation criteria. The criteria listed below are of equal importance.

The offeror's proposal will be evaluated on the:

- 1. Technical approach for fulfilling the requirements in accordance with the tasks set forth in Section C; (offeror's ability to develop and provide training programs in food processing and packaging to managers from the NIS;)
- 2. Offeror's proposal to provide logistical support to the program, including transportation, lodging, preparation of materials.
- 3. Industry expertise: offeror's ability to work with individuals from transitioning economies and identify U.S. companies to possibly provide potential business partners to the trainees as well as those that and/or could provide sales of products or services of interest to group. Knowledge of food processing, packaging and labeling industries both in the U.S. and the NIS, specifically in the RFE, Central Asia and Ukraine.

M.4.2 Relevant Experience & Past Performance:

Offeror's demonstrated experience that will enhance technical and managerial capabilities to perform; Customer satisfaction on previous endeavors similar to the requirements set forth in the RFP

M.4.3 Staffing

Emphasis will be placed on the following: Quality and applicability of staffing plan with respect to the knowledge and experience, including interpreters and facilitator.

M.4.4 Cost/Price Evaluation Criteria

The award will be based on the "best value" to the Government. "Best value" is defined as the offer that results in the most advantageous acquisition decision for the Government. This analysis will be performed through an integrated assessment and trade-off analysis between technical (e.g., technical approach, staffing plan, and past performance), and price/cost factors.

M.5 AWARD BASIS

Proposals which have been determined to be technically acceptable by the Government's technical staff will then be evaluated by the Contracting Officer and award made to that offeror (1) whose technical proposal, demonstrates that the service offered are technically acceptable, (2) whose cost proposal, and other factors as considered, are determined to be the most advantageous to the Government, and (3) who is considered to be responsible within the meaning of Federal Acquisition Regulation subpart 9.104 and the provision above entitled "Contractor Responsibility."